support seminars, workshops, training programmes, exhibitions, essay and painting competitions, nature study tours, establishment of eco-clubs in schools and colleges, production and distribution of education material etc. In these endeavours, the Department is assisted by two of its institutions namely Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, and the National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi, and others.

**Interpretation of NIT Award**

1623. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the reasons for which his Ministry is not constituting National Industrial Tribunal for interpretation of the NIT Award No. NTB 1 of 1985 although failure report was received by the Ministry in November, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The matter is under consideration.

**Export of Tea to Iran**

1624. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Board overruled the objection of the Calcutta Customs by clearing export of tea to Iran at a lower prices resulting in a loss of over Rs. 10 crores in foreign exchange to the country;

(b) if so, the persons responsible therefor in the Board;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether any action is contemplated against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Supply of arms to South Africa by NATO Allies**

1625. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the NATO allies including France are sending arms to South Africa in violation of 1977 International Arms Embargo;

(b) whether the Indian Government have made any protest to the NATO allies along with Switzerland in this regard; and

(c) if so, when the reaction of the Indian Government was despatched to those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government are aware of such reports.

(b) and (c) Our opposition to such violations is well known and has been reiterated from time to time in various international fora.

**Indian National working in Lebanon**

1626. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian workers who are working in various fields in Lebanon are work-